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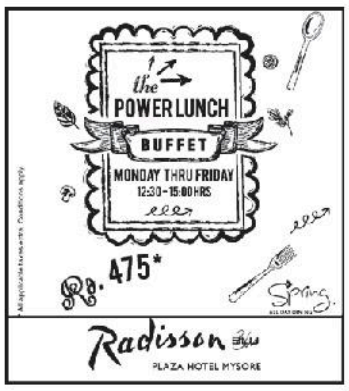

COVID on the Rise

- Entry into State only for persons with negative COVID report
- Negative RT-PCR report must to get hotel rooms in Mysuru city
- Random checking at Bavali check-post
- Kerala students under scanner
- Lockdown inevitable, if safety norms flouted: Health Minister

Bengaluru / Mysuru, Feb.20 (SSV)- Taking strong note of spurt in COVID-19 cases in neighbouring Kerala and Maharashtra, Health and Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar said that people from those two States will be allowed to enter Karnataka only after producing the RT-PCR negative report.

Addressing a news conference in Bengaluru this morning, the Minister said this decision had been taken as per suggestions by COVID-19 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) headed by Dr. M.K. Sudarshan in the wake of sudden spurt in Corona positive cases in Kerala and Maharashtra. On an average, 5,000 to 6,000 cases were reported from these two States daily. "Health experts have advised people to be careful till March end. They must strictly follow all the safety guidelines in the interest of everyone," he said.

He said nine districts of Karnataka — Bengaluru, Dakshina Kannada, Udupi, Uttara Kannada, Belagavi, Kodagu, Dharwad, Mysuru and Chamarajanagar — share borders with Kerala and Maharashtra. Through these borders, people from those two States enter Karnataka by road. Hence, they must produce RT-PCR negative report at the border failing which entry would be denied. To implement this rule strictly, co-operation of Revenue and Home Departments was required. A meeting with Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai and Revenue Minister R. Ashok will be held tomorrow to work out separate guidelines for people from these two States. The new rule must be strictly implemented on the borders by the respective Deputy Commissioners (DCs) and Superintendents of Police (SPs).

Dr. Sudhakar said the Government would work out separate guidelines for people arriving in Karnataka Airports from Kerala and Maharashtra. Some airports have made RT-PCR test compulsory on arrival. It would be introduced where test was not done, he added.

No report, no room

Meanwhile, all hotel owners in Mysuru city have been asked to insist on producing latest RT-PCR negative report from Keralites at the time of giving rooms. Those who were having cough and fever must be not only denied rooms but bring it to the notice of District Health Officers for necessary action. If anything goes wrong, owners concerned would be held responsible. This instruction came from Chief Secretary P. Ravikumar and Additional Chief Secretary (Health) Jawaid Akhtar during a video-conference yesterday with officers of those districts that share borders with Kerala, following spurt in Corona cases.

(See COVID on page 9)

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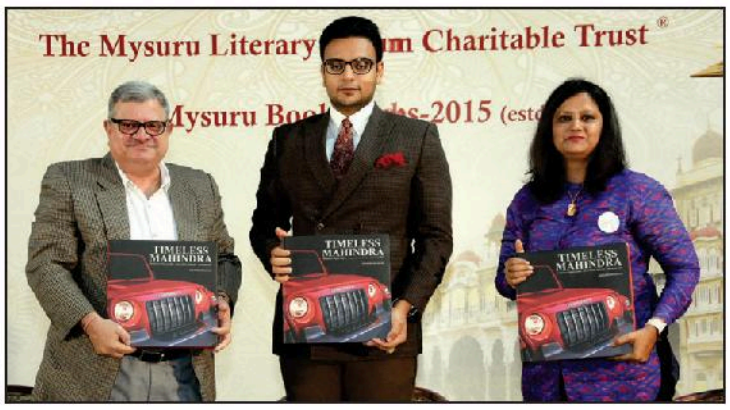
Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Saturday 20th February 2021

Book 'Timeless Mahindra' released



Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, flanked by book author Adil Jal Darukhanawala and Founder of Mysuru Book Clubs-2015 Shubha Sanjay Urs seen releasing the book 'Timeless Mahindra' at a function organised by The Mysuru Literary Forum Charitable Trust & Mysuru Book Clubs-2015 at Wind Chimes in Nazarbad on Feb. 18. A pioneer Automotive Journalist and Editor, Adil Jal Darukhanawala is an award-winning author and historian, who has been chronicling and informing the world about the Indian automotive scenario since 1977. Senior journalist Krishna Prasad was in conversation with the author later.

Calling KSOU students

Mysuru, Feb.20- The KSOU students who had enrolled for first year B.A, B.Com, B.Ed, M.A, M.Com, MBA and M.Sc course in the academic year 2018-19 and in January session of the academic year 2019-20, can seek admission for second year course by paying tuition fee without penalty by Mar.10, 2021, with a penalty of Rs.200 by Mar.20 and with a penalty of Rs.400 by Mar.31.

Students seeking admission for second year of their respective course can apply online along with payment of prescribed tuition fee. For more details, log on to the Open University website: *www.ksoumysuru.ac.in.*

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Some judicial verdicts acquire emblematic significance far beyond the outcome of a particular case. The acquittal of journalist Priya Ramani of the charge of defaming M.J. Akbar, a former Union Minister, journalist and author, has protected and preserved the space for women who have found their voice in recent times to speak out about their experience of sexual harassment in the workplace. A conviction in this case would have had disastrous consequences for the many courageous women who have come out with disturbing revelations about the extent to which a large number of professions and fields in the country have been unsafe. Be it the media, as in this case, or any other domain, the reality that many women suffer in silence in the face of harassment, especially in the early stages of their career, has been brought to the fore by the new-found space and freedom to share their experiences, even if it be after many years. Akbar's case was rooted in the claim that he had a 'stellar reputation' as a highly respected journalist and an accomplished writer. However, the court found the testimony of Ramani and Ghazala Wahab, another journalist who testified in her defence, to be credible and detailed enough to question the reputation that he was so strenuously trying to uphold. A welcome feature of the judgment is that the court was receptive to the defence that Ramani's claims were true and made for the public good. Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Ravindra Kumar Pandey, has placed the case in the correct perspective by noting that a woman cannot be punished for criminal defamation when she raises her voice against sexual harassment because "the right of reputation cannot be protected at the cost of the right of life and dignity of [the] woman". — *In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Couple chain themselves in love test!

Kyiv: A young Ukrainian couple decided to really put their love to the test by linking their hands together with a thick iron chain for a period of three months.

Alexander and Viktoria, a young couple from the Ukraine, decided to celebrate Valentine's Day a bit differently. On Feb. 14, they traveled to Kiev to have their hands chained and sealed together by a representative of the country's national register of records. Their goal is to literally be next to each every moment, for the next three months. That includes sleeping, bathing together and, obviously, even going to the toilet together.

Over the last few days, Alexander and Victoria have been uploading photos and clips of everyday tasks that are proving challenging in their current predicament. They both have to wear special clothing with lots of zips, take turns using the shower, and have to plan their every action in order to make sure they both get things done.

She claims gust of wind left her pregnant

Cianjur: Indonesian Police are investigating the strange case of a 25-year-old woman, who claims that she gave birth just an hour after a gust of wind got her pregnant.

The young woman, identified as Siti Zainah, become the subject of widespread ridicule after claiming to have been impregnated by a gust of wind, on Feb. 10. Furthermore, Zainah added that she gave birth to a baby girl just an hour after the alleged impregnation. According to reports, the 25-year-old was relaxing at home in Cianjur, West Java, with her first child, when she felt the wind enter her body. A few minutes later, she went into labor.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Singer's nodule as popularly known is a hard scar on your vocal cords, resulting from the voice abuse. Beware, if you are speaking with lots of background noise.

By Dr.Dathathri H A - Consultant ENT, Head & Neck Surgeon Cochlear Implant Surgeon

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DATES	FEB. 18	FEB. 19
Day's Positive Cases	12	34
Total Positive Cases	53,834	53,868
Day's Discharges	23	20
Total Discharges	52,662	52,682
Day's Deaths	0	0
Total Deaths	1,028	1,028
Total Active Cases	143	157

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Student scholarship

Mysuru, Feb.20 - The Social Welfare Department has invited applications from eligible SC and ST students who have secured admission (2020-21) for various courses of KSOU (Karnataka State Open University) under tuition fee waiver or through payment of fees, for availing Post-matric student scholarship.

The students can apply online through the website: *https://SSP.Postmatric.karnataka.gov.in* along with supporting documents before Mar.15, 2021.

The applicants are required to get their Aadhaar card number seeded with their Bank account/ NCPI before applying, if they have not done so far.

For more details, log on to the University website: *www.ksoumysuru.ac.in* or call Ph: 0821- 2519941 or 2519948 or 2519943.

REALLY...?

- ***Jim Corbett National Park of Nainital district is oldest national park of India which was established in 1936 for protection of tigers. Rajaji National Park, Gangotri National Park, Nalanda Devi National Park are some other national parks of this State.***

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Teacher: *What is 4 + 3?*
Boy: *Don't know teacher.*
Teacher: *Stupid boy don't you know 4 + 3 =7?*
Boy: *Teacher yesterday you said 5+2 = 7 !!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 72.55
1 UK Pound	= Rs.101.65
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.75
1 Euro	= Rs. 87.93

VOICE OF THE READER

Devanur Lake crying for attention

Will MLA Tanveer Sait clear Lake's encroachment?

Sir,

This refers to ***'More Lakes to be conserved under CSR funds'*** *(SOM* dated Feb. 13). That District Minister S.T. Somashekar found time to visit rejuvenated Hebbal Lake, under CSR by Infosys Foundation, is to be commended.

He was appreciative of the Foundation and the work done. Honouring the Foundation should inspire others. He is also sorting out the problem of garbage and debris dumped on the entire stretch of the Outer Ring Road.

The Minister also wants to develop the other Lakes (which are in bad shape) and mentioned the development of Devanur Lake during the visit.

Could I once again ask NR Constituency MLA Tanveer Sait to seize this opportunity and get all the encroachments cleared without wasting any further time and find a sponsor to bring this Lake back to life? That would be a significant contribution for all time to come!

—Mubasher Mirza
Bannimantap 'B' Layout
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1,379 candidates secure jobs

Mysuru, Feb. 20 (PM&SSV)- A total of 1,379 candidates out of the total 13,028 received letters of appointment at the Mega Job Mela held at Dasara Exhibition Grounds here yesterday.

As many as 8,000 candidates have faced the first round of interview and they would attend the second round of interview in the companies concerned soon. Of the 1,379 candidates, 679 were male and 700 were female candidates.

SSLC, PUC, degree, post-graduation, diploma and engineering candidates in the age group of 18 to 35 years participated in the Job Fair organised by MLA S.A. Ramdas in association with District Administration, District Employment Exchange, Department of Industrial Training and Employment, Skill Development and Labour Department.

Labour Minister Shivaram Hebbar, who inaugurated the event, handed over job offer letters to a few candidates on the occasion.

Free skill training for unemployed youths

Mysuru, Feb. 20- Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood Department, under Chief Minister's Kaushalya Karnataka Yojane (CMKKY), is conducting free skill development programme for poor unemployed youths.

Candidates, who have passed SSLC, PUC, Diploma and BE (Mechanical), will be provided training in CNC programmer and designer, mechanical Catia, UG, Pro-E, MCAM, CAD, Solid Works, IOT, PDV, CAD-CAM, Mechatronics, RPT, Robotics, renewable energy sources as well as Post Diploma in Tool Design and Tool-Room Machinist.

One-year free course is available for Post Diploma in Tool Design and Tool-Room Machinist. Attractive stipend will be provided to SC and ST candidates. On completion of training, free job assistance will be provided.

Interested may log on to: *www.kaushalkar.com* and apply before Feb. 28. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2582750 or 91416-30315.

Walkathon marks World Cancer Day

Mysuru, Feb. 20 (KS)- Cauvery Heart and Multi-Speciality Hospital, Siddarthanagar, Mysuru, had organised a walkathon in city recently to mark World Cancer Day and create awareness on prevention of cancer, early detection and its treatment.

Mayor Tasneem, who was the chief guest, called upon the public to follow healthy lifestyle to prevent cancer and to get expert opinion early without any fear.

On the occasion, she released a Public Education Brochure regarding Common Myths and Facts about Cancer. Later, Mayor Tasneem flagged off the walkathon in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple. Over 300 students of Cauvery Group of Institutions, doctors and staff of Cauvery Hospital, carrying placards with messages on cancer prevention passed through main thoroughfares of city via Devaraj Urs road and culminated near the Oval Grounds. Handbills on cancer prevention was distributed to the public enroute.

Cauvery Hospital Chairman Dr. G.R. Chandrashekar presided. Managing Director Dr. Sarala Chandrashekar, Medical Superintendent Dr. B.N. Rajeeva, Consultant Surgical Oncologist Dr. M.S. Girish, Consultant Laparoscopic Surgeon Dr. R.M. Aravind and Facility Director B.J. Sandeep Patel and others were present at the event.

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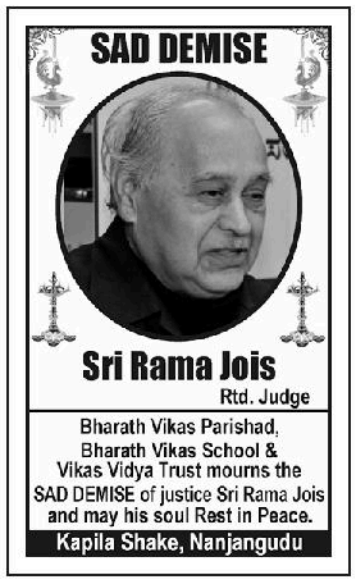
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Kapila Shake, Nanjangudu

NEWS BRIEFS

No power supply on Feb. 21, 23

As Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) will be taking up the 4th quarterly maintenance works on Feb. 21 and 23, power supply will be disrupted between 10 am and 5 pm in the following areas:

FTS Power Distribution Centre: Ashoka Road, Lashkar Mohalla, Tilaknagar, Mission Hospital, Gandhi Square, Old Bank Road, K.T. Street, Dodda Vokkaligara Beedi, Irwin Road, Sayyaji Rao Road, Olympia talkies, Pulikeshi Road, Kailasapuram, Mandi Mohalla, Rajkamal Talkies and surrounding areas, Shivarmapet, K.R. Hospital, Boti Bazar, Market, Dhanvanthri Road, Veeranagere, Shivaji Road, St. Mary's Road, Gandhinagar, A.J. Block, Ganeshnagar, Rajendranagar, Kesare 1st, 2nd and 3rd stage, Subashnagar, N.R. Mohalla and surrounding areas.

Maliyuru Power Distribution Centre: Chidravalli and Doddabagilu villages and Gram Panchayat limits, according to a press release.

Entrance exam

Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya will be conducting entrance exam for remaining vacant seats for admission to 9th standard (2021-22) on Feb. 24 from 10 am to 12.30 pm. Applicants should be present at the exam hall one hour before the test. Those who have already submitted their applications can download the hall ticket from Vidyalaya website: www.nvsadmissionclassnine.in

Free K-SET training

Jnanabutti will be conducting a free training programme for the Karnataka State Eligibility Test (KSET) and University Grants Commission - National Eligibility Test (UGC-NET) to be conducted by the State Government to select candidates for the post of college lecturers. Interested may register their names at Jnanabutti located at the premises of Lakshmipuram Government High School and PU College anyday between 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm before Feb. 25.

Door delivery

The Mysuru District HOPCOMS, which is currently supplying fruits and vegetables to the doorsteps of customers who make online orders, has now planned to supply fruits and vegetables to Government and Private Hostels, Ashrams, Hospitals, Hotels and other major bulk buyers at their doorstep. The public can avail this home delivery service by registering their name in advance. Buyers can make payments online or upon delivery of the ordered fruits and vegetables, for which HOPCOMS has developed 'Hopcoms online' mobile app. [Mob: 82778-14143].

Giving up land for industries will get you bigger plots !

Chief Minister Yediyurappa to present Karnataka Budget for 2021-2022 on March 8

B.S. Yediyurappa

Bengaluru, Feb. 20 (UNI& Agencies)- To overcome the pains of land acquisition, the State Industries Department is paying back landowners who are giving up their farmland for developing industrial estates in the form of developed plots.

Now the State Cabinet has decided to increase the allotment of developed land by 1,198 sq.ft per acre — from 9,583 sq.ft to 10,781 sq.ft — to owners from whom the land is acquired.

The Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB), an arm of the Industries Department, develops and manages industrial real estate. It allocates developed land to farmers or other owners from whom the land is acquired, if they do not want cash compensation.

Home and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Basavaraj Bommai told presspersons on Thursday after the Cabinet meeting that the Government has also given approval for releasing Rs. 700 crore to private hospitals for treating COVID-19 patients till March 2021.

Hospitals have provided treatment to 1,35,754 COVID-19 patients as on January 11. So far, the bill of hospitals was around Rs. 315 crore. Though Rs. 700 crore was not required, to be on the safer side, the amount was approved, Health and Family Welfare Minister K. Sudhakar said.

Budget on March 8

The Karnataka Budget for 2021-22 will be presented in the State Legislature on March 8 by Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa who holds the finance portfolio. The Legislature Session will commence on March 4 and the first two days (March 4 and 5) will be set aside for discussion related to 'One Nation - One Election.' Legislature Session will conclude by the end of March.

This would be the BJP Government's second full-fledged Budget in this term. The Budget would be presented amidst severe financial difficulties faced by the State owing to COVID-19. Yediyurappa has begun Budget-related meetings with Ministers and officials of various departments.

The Cabinet meeting also approved the Karnataka Money Lenders (Amendment) Bill, 2020, of the Cooperation Department which would be tabled in the Budget Session. Under the Bill, those who violate the provisions of Act will be convicted and the term of imprisonment increased from six month to one year and fine from Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 50,000.

Will Naganahalli Satellite Railway Terminal get funds in Budget?

MP Pratap Simha urges allocation of Rs. 200 crore to acquire land for the project

Mysuru, Feb. 20 (PM&BCT)- Will the ambitious Satellite Railway Terminal at Naganahalli — at an estimated cost of Rs. 789.29 crore — get a boost in the State Budget to be presented by Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa on March 8? The first phase of the project is estimated to cost Rs. 494 crore.

Urging the allocation of a minimum Rs. 200 crore for the project, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha has requested Mysuru District Minister S.T. Somashekar to impress upon the CM to sanction the money for the project to be taken up with the Central Government (Railways).

The MP told the Minister that the Satellite Terminal is a much needed one to expand the services of Mysuru Railway Station and to increase passenger convenience. Among the benefits of the Naganahalli terminal are, many new services can be started and it will ease pressure on Mysuru City Railway Station that is presently handling about 90 passenger-carrying trains per day.

Four platforms, four stabling lines and two pit lines were planned under phase-I. In phase-II, four stabling lines and two pit lines are planned.

The project needs 165 acres of land and the proposal for land has been sent to the State Government. "The Government must acquire land for the project and hand over to the Railways. Rs. 200 crore is needed for this purpose," Somashekar was told.

Once the Naganahalli terminal station becomes a reality, there will be more scope for additional trains to come to Mysuru, especially from Bengaluru. Naganahalli terminal's objective is to de-congest the city as well as to provide better service to passengers residing in sub-urban areas. The project is planned on the outskirts of the city where trains can originate or terminate, the MP told the Minister.

Introduction of new services with the existing infrastructure at the City Railway Station is impossible and the Naganahalli terminal can take care of the projected passenger traffic and achieve a growth of 10 percent annually for the next 20-25 years, the MP reasoned.

Also, Pratap Simha urged the Minister to convince the CM to release funds for filling up of water to 49 lakes in Hunsur taluk. As per the Detailed Project Report (DPR) prepared by the Water Resources Department, Rs. 63.50 crore is required for the project and there is an urgency to implement the same, he noted. The Estimation Committee has approved the project in 2017 and it was awaiting the budgetary allocation, the MP told the Minister.

Book release on Feb. 25

Mysuru, Feb. 20- Director of the Department of Public Libraries, Dr. Satishkumar Hosamani will release 'Chaupadiya Shishira,' a collection of limericks written by retired Engineer K.S. Simha and brought out by the city's Vaidyavartha Prakashana, at a programme to take place at the Institution of Engineers-India (IEI) on JLB Road here at 5 pm on Feb. 25.

JSS Science and Technology University Vice-Chancellor Dr. Siddaramaiah will inaugurate the programme. Ursu Pratibha Balaga Trust President Dr. MGR Urs will preside. Senior writer Prof. K. Bhyravamurthy will speak about the book. For details, contact Mob: 94484-02092.

Actress Juhi Chawla, family visit Kabini

Mother-son plant sapling at resort

Mysuru, Feb. 20 (RK,Akshay& BCT)- Actor and former *Miss India* Juhi Chawla and her family has toured Kabini and Nagarahole regions of Mysuru and has returned to Mumbai. An avid traveller, the actor and her family members usually go abroad — London and Uganda — where they have their homes and this time they have chosen Mysuru for a short vacation amidst jungles.

Sources told *Star of Mysore* that the actor and her family arrived in Mysore Airport on Feb. 16 and headed straight to Kabini Dam in H.D. Kote and went to Karapur Jungle Lodges. They visited Nagarahole Tiger Reserve and stayed at Evolve Back Resorts (earlier Orange County Resorts).

She has tweeted from the resort: "At the Evolve Back Lodge, besides the Kabini River in Karnataka, going on a tiger safari at the Nagarahole Wildlife Reserve."

Later at the resort, Juhi and her son Arjun planted and watered a sapling.

Juhi has posted another photo on Instagram and in the photo the 53-year-old actor is seen sporting a no-makeup look while keeping her style-file casual. The actor can be seen in a white round-neck t-shirt while keeping her freezy hair open.

The actor has shared a video of her and her son Arjun planting and watering a sapling. Her son even sprinkled mud on Juhi's head while the actress was watering the sapling. She has posted the video on her twitter account and has said, "With my reluctant helper Arjun... planted a tree at the lodge where we were staying ... Evolve Back, Kabini."

Over 16,000 fans have viewed the 1 minute video. The family went back to Mumbai on Feb. 18.

Obituary

V. Paul Dayanand

Mysuru, Feb. 20- V. Paul Dayanand (65), a retired KSRTC driver and a resident of B.M. Shri Nagar in city, passed away here yesterday.

He leaves behind his wife, a son, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Catholic Cemetery on Mahadevapura Road today.

C. Ramesh

C. Ramesh (49), a Deputy General Manager at BEML (Mysuru) and a resident of Dattagalli here, passed away yesterday.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill today.

Puttasiddamma

Puttasiddamma (77), a resident of Gandhinagar in city, passed away here yesterday.

She leaves behind three sons, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Adi Karnataka Burial Ground here today.

B. Mahadevappa

B. Mahadevappa (71), a rice merchant and a resident of Mellahalli-Hallikerehundi in the taluk, passed away yesterday following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife, four sons, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Hallikerehundi today.

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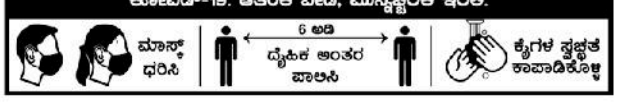

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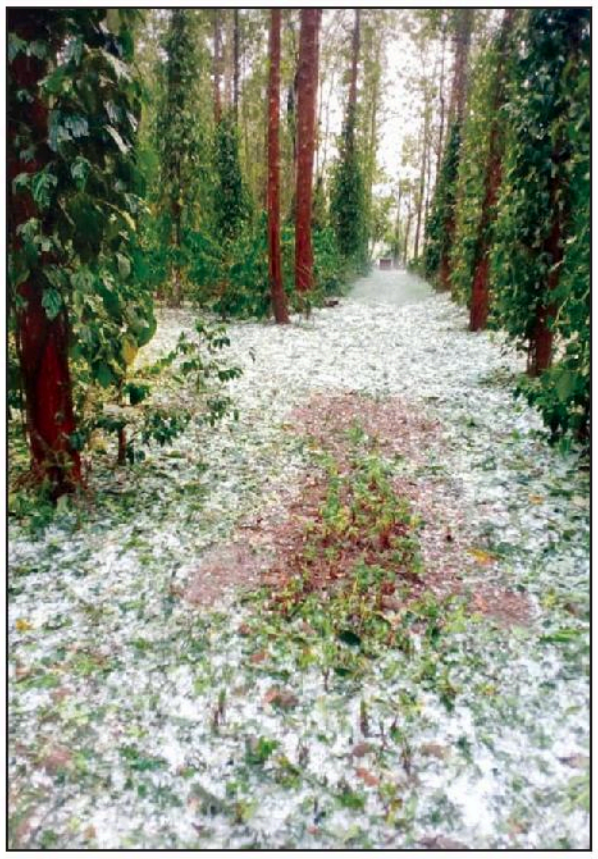
Hail rolls out white carpet

Joy for some; sorrow for others) Major coffee crop damage, says GSI Scientist



Madikeri/Somwarpet, Feb. 20 (Akshay&BCT)- Parts of North Kodagu were swathed in a white carpet yesterday with ice left behind after a hailstorm.

Heavy rains and hailstorms lashed villages of Nidtha, Ankanahalli, Mullooru, Dundalli, Doddalli and Gudugalale near Shanivarsanthe of Somwarpet taluk in Kodagu district yesterday, taking residents by surprise. In Chamarajanagar too it rained hail last evening, throwing traffic out of gear.

In Kodagu, due to rain of hail, villages resembled snowing Kashmir plains. Children and women cheered the hail storm and they rushed outside homes to fistfuls of hailstones. Photos and videos of the hail went viral, inviting reactions of awe and delight in social media.

While the hail rain looked attractive with white carpet spread and with visuals of people holding the hailstones in their hands, it worried the farmers and coffee growers of Kodagu as this is the season of coffee blossoms and if it rained hail, it would damage the flowers resulting in low-yield next year. The growers are already tormented by unseasonal rains and, lack of support from the Government and less pricing for coffee.

Heaps of hailstones were found on the roads, coffee estates, roof of the houses and coconut plantations. The Ankanahalli Government School and a veterinary clinic were covered with hailstones. Along with hailstones and rains, the gusty winds also damaged the standing crops including coffee, paddy, green chilli, mango and arecanut in the district as there is high moisture content. This also will dent the product quality.

As the weatherman has predicted rains for two or three more days, coffee growers have said that due to rain, ripe coffee berries have fallen onto the ground and the drying process has been affected as it rained in the

second and third week of January — a crucial month for drying. The rains also resulted in early flowering before the annual harvest, they said.

ICE FORMATION IN STATIC CLOUDS

Giving a scientific perspective to the hailstorm, former Deputy Director General of Geological Survey of India (GSI) told *Star of Mysore* this morning that though the hailstorm looks beautiful with white ice cubes all over, it is bound to cause major damage to standing crops.

"There was a dip in the temperature in January this year and the average temperature ranged between 12 to 13 degrees Celsius. And there was no cloud movement for more than 15 to 20 days after the cold spell. This caused ice to form in the static clouds and now due to rise in temperature and *Rathasapthami,* the ice has melted and it has resulted in the rain of hail. While in Kodagu small white ice cubes fell onto the ground, in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh large cubes even weighing about 500 grams fell from above," he explained.

The Kodagu District Administration must send a team to the affected villages and assess the damage that will be severe. Farmers and growers are entitled for Government compensation, he added.

The Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC) has predicted scattered to widespread light to moderate rains with isolated heavy rains likely over South interior Karnataka and Malnad districts and isolated to scattered very light to light rains likely over Coastal and North interior Karnataka districts for three more days.

The rains are a result of a weather system — a trough in Arabian Sea from Kerala to Gujarat coast. The weather system which was over Vidarbha as a cyclonic circulation has now shifted towards Madhya Maharashtra and adjoining areas. A trough is also extending from this cyclonic circulation to Kerala. These two weather systems — resulting low level moisture feed from Bay of Bengal in the form of South-easterly winds and humid winds from Arabian Sea at a height of three kilometres — are causing rains and hailstorms, says weatherman.

Mysuru DC's Village Stay

Villagers plead for restoration of historic temple near Hunsur

Of the 1,000 pillars of Kashilingeshwara Temple, only 240 pillars remain now

Hunsur (Terikal), Feb. 20 (Mahesh & BCT) - The highlight of Mysuru Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rohini Sindhuri's Terikal village visit was the Thousand-Pillar Kashilingeshwara Temple. According to villagers, the temple dated back to thousands of years and was built by Gangas of Talakad.

Manjunath, a 56-year-old villager told *SOM* that there is a Vishnu Temple nearby built by Hoysala rulers. "The Kashilingeshwara Temple is dedicated to Lord Veerabhadra. The Temples were demolished by invaders who came from Persia and Afghanistan and the Temples were renovated five to six times by the Maharajas of Mysore," he said.

Though the Temple is named Thousand-Pillar Kashilingeshwara Temple, there are only 240 pillars now. It had 1,000 pillars before destruction by invaders. "After the Maharajas' rule, the Temples were neglected and now the Tourism Department has taken up renovation. Due to lack of funds, the renovation as stopped," villagers said.

"There is a small Chandikeshwara Temple and Pathaleshwara Temple within Kashilingeshwara Temple complex and idols of deities including Shiva, Vishnu, Ganapathi, Lakshmi and Saraswathi can be found inside the Temple. My grandfather used to mention about the giant Rajagopura of the Temple and it has been destroyed by the invaders. In front of Rajagopura there is a 60-ft Garuda Khamba. Even this is missing but we can find the stone lamp that is placed above the Garuda Khamba. The lamp used to be lit earlier," Manjunath revealed.

On the 1,000 pillars, Manjunath said that most of the 16-ft pillars and supporting columns were removed and used to build the Hanagodu Katte (barrage). "All the stones were carved from rocks available at Gommatagiri Hill near Mysuru. Two 16-ft pillars were taken away to Mysuru to build the entrance gate of Sri Chamundeshwari Temple atop the Chamundi Hill in Mysuru by the Wadiyars and we can still see the stones there," he said.

Villagers appealed to the DC to release funds for restoration of temples. The DC directed Departments of Archaeology and Museums and Tourism to prepare a Detailed Project Report and submit to the Government for approval.

DC Rohini turns Maths teacher

Hunsur (Terikal), Feb. 20 (Mahesh&BCT)-Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri donned the role of a teacher and solved Mathematics sums to the students of Government Primary School at Terikal village in Bilikere Hobli near Hunsur this morning. Over 20 students were present in the classroom and they were listening in rapt attention.

The DC visited the school as part of the State Government's plan asking Revenue Department officials, including the Deputy Commissioners (DCs) and Tahsildars to visit villages on every third Saturday of each month to hear the grievances on-the-spot and solve the issues.

Accompanied by a battery of officials from various Departments, Rohini Sindhuri arrived at the village at 10 am and headed straight to the Government School. Wearing white uniforms as it is a Saturday, students welcomed the DC along with their teachers. As she entered the classrooms, the teachers and Education Department officials explained the facilities available at the school.

The DC interacted with students and they answered several questions posed by her on various textbook subjects. The DC asked the teachers to continue teaching and listened to the lessons, standing near the black board. She was impressed by the intelligence of students who come from rural agrarian background in this village.

She made the students read from Kannada and English textbooks. After some moments, the DC took up a chalk piece and explained fractions and difference amounts in mathematics and solved a couple of sums. Later she interacted with the students of Morarji Desai Residential School.

After spending some time in the classrooms, she heard the grievances of the villagers. Rangaiahana Koppalu Haadi of Terikal village has 100 to 125 families and over 1,400 villagers stay in the localities of Terikal Naala and Santhekere Kodi.

Many residents here have no basic facilities like housing and the DC was told that though sites have been sanctioned under Ashraya scheme, they are not handed over to them. The villagers urged her to intervene and take measures to hand over title deeds to them. Issues like ban on alcohol within the village boundaries, ration cards, Pouthi Khata issues, Podi and measurements cropped up at the meeting and the DC directed the officials to make note of the problems and take measures to solve them.

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Govt. to seek celebrities' help to push up vaccination drive

Vaccinating healthcare and frontline workers seems to have become a big headache for the State Government with lukewarm response from the day of launching of vaccination drive by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Jan.16. Health Department officers are literally begging healthcare and frontline workers to get free vaccination to protect themselves from COVID-19 contagion. While many healthcare workers have openly refused to take it suspecting its 'efficacy', frontline staff are not at all bothered to get the jab despite appeal by Department Heads. Health and Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar spoke to *Star of Mysore* on the current vaccination status in Karnataka. — **Excerpts...**

"I am confident that more people will get vaccinated in the coming days and weeks."

—Dr. K. Sudhakar, Health and Medical Education Minister

By Shyam Sundar Vattam

Star of Mysore (SOM): How has been the second round of vaccination going on in State?

Dr. K. Sudhakar: Second dose of COVID-19 vaccination has begun in the State starting Monday last. As on Sunday, 4,09,836 healthcare workers and 86,798 frontline workers have been administered first dose of vaccine across the State with a coverage of 50 percent and 30 percent respectively. The second round of vaccination has begun for healthcare workers and quite a few have taken the jab.

SOM: The vaccination drive was launched with much fanfare by none other than PM Modi. But the enthusiasm has died down subsequently. What are the reasons for it?

Dr. Sudhakar: PM Modi launched the world's largest vaccination programme in the fight against COVID-19 on Jan. 16. The first case of COVID-19 reported in India was on Jan. 30, 2020. So, as a nation we were able to develop two indigenous vaccines within one year and start administering it. Isn't it something which we should be proud of? It is indeed a matter of pride for every Indian. India's roll-out of COVID-19 vaccine inoculation has shot off as the fastest in the world too.

So far, we have vaccinated more than 75 lakh healthcare workers and frontline warriors in the country. First 7 million doses in India took just 26 days, while UK and USA took 48 and 27 days respectively. So, I don't think it is true that the enthusiasm has gone down. We must not forget that we have also exported vaccines to more than a dozen countries.

SOM: Are you disappointed with the lukewarm response of healthcare workers as only 50 to 60 percent are taking the vaccine?

Dr. Sudhakar: Karnataka crossed one lakh mark in COVID vaccination (on Jan. 21) in just 6 days after the launch of the drive. Karnataka was also the first State in the country to cross 2 lakh inoculations on Jan. 25, that is, 10th day of vaccination drive. More than 70 percent coverage among healthcare workers has been achieved in many districts including Chikkaballapura, Uttara Kannada and Tumakuru. In Urban centres like Bengaluru, the coverage has been little slow. There is a specific reason for this. Majority of the beneficiaries registered for vaccination in urban areas are medical and paramedical students. Since it is exam time many students are hesitant to get vaccinated. Moreover, several students studying here are from other States. They are hesitant to get vaccine now because they have to come back for the second dose as it is mandatory to get both the doses at same booth. However, we are convincing the students to get vaccination. Many senior doctors, Police officers and Government officials are coming forward to get vaccinated to boost the morale of the public. I appreciate all of them.

SOM: A similar situation is being witnessed regarding vaccination for frontline workers with tepid response from them. What could be the reason?

Dr. Sudhakar: The vaccination for frontline workers started only a week ago. As on Wednesday, 17th February, we have vaccinated more than one lakh frontline workers with coverage of 30 percent. Several senior Police Officers have taken vaccine to build confidence among Police personnel. I am confident that more people will get vaccinated in the coming days and weeks.

SOM: Is it due to strong belief among people that COVID-19 pandemic is slowly disappearing or due to disbelief about the vaccines following negative publicity?

Dr. Sudhakar: I have been constantly appealing to people to not let the guard down as the pandemic is not yet over. I also appeal to people to not believe in rumours and misinformation about the safety of vaccine. The vaccines are approved by regulatory authorities only after following due procedures. So the vaccines are completely safe.

SOM: Heads of Revenue Department and other Departments which move closely with the people have taken the shot to instil confidence among the staff. But this has not yielded results in many districts. What is the solution to this lackadaisical attitude of Government employees?

Dr. Sudhakar: As I said, the vaccination for frontline workers has only begun a week ago. Let us wait for a few more days.

SOM: Do you think the Government should have made the vaccine mandatory than making it optional?

Dr. Sudhakar: No. The vaccine should and will be optional.

SOM: Will the Government plan to seek the help of celebrities and religious heads to make an appeal for the remaining healthcare and frontline workers to get vaccinated?

Dr. Sudhakar: We have already written to the Centre to allow 1,000 eminent personalities and celebrities to get vaccinated so that it will boost confidence among public. Certainly it will be a huge confidence building measure.

SOM: Why has Karnataka not been able to achieve the vaccination target given by the Central Government?

Dr. Sudhakar: There is no target set by Central Government. Healthcare workers and frontline workers have voluntarily registered for vaccination.

SOM: If this is the attitude of healthcare and frontline workers, do you expect a similar response from general public?

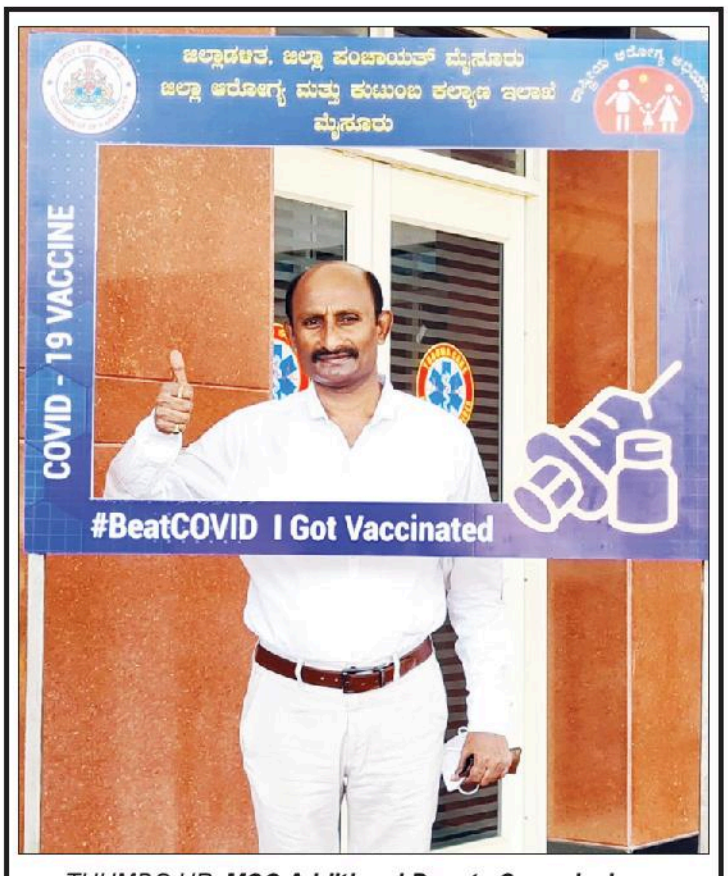
Dr. Sudhakar: With regard to public response, we have to wait and see.

SOM: When will vaccine be available to general public?

Dr. Sudhakar: Once the healthcare and frontline workers are vaccinated, the next priority group will be senior citizens and people with comorbidities. The vaccination drive has been planned to be implemented in a smooth and orderly manner and the Centre will issue guidelines at an appropriate time.

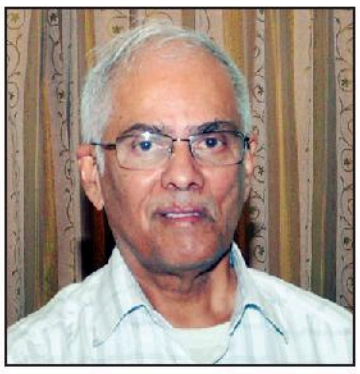
SOM: Are all the elected representatives, starting from Gram Panchayat to Parliament, ready to take vaccine?

Dr. Sudhakar: Yes. I think all elected representatives are ready for vaccine. I would have taken it on day one if permitted.



THUMBS UP: ***MCC Additional Deputy Commissioner N.M. Shashikumar gestures after taking the vaccination at the Trauma Care Centre in Mysuru on Wednesday.***

Does Mysuru need an NGO platform like the one provided by MGP?



By Bhamy V. Shenoy

There are more than three million (30 lakh) registered Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) or Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) in India. It is a well-known fact that most are just on paper. Of those functioning NGOs, it is not easy to find credible and honest ones dedicated to serve the society.

Despite these shortcomings of the NGO movement, many cities with ethical and efficient NGOs, the residents have benefited. NGOs provide a powerful platform to the people to express an opinion which Governments cannot ignore. In fact NGOs are a reliable source of information to feel the pulse and the mood of the people. In that sense, **Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP)** has done well with its members actively participating and constantly interacting with various agencies of the Government in the development of the city.

MGP has completed 31 years and that itself is no less an achievement. It would be presumptuous to assume that everyone has a good opinion of what MGP has been able to accomplish during its existence. But going by the opinions expressed by the elected leaders, city administrators, media and the people at large, MGP has succeeded in establishing a high degree of credibility.

To cite an example, former Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep and former MCC Commissioner Jagadish were forthright in expressing their appreciation for MGP's contribution to city. At the time of completing their tenure in the city, both the officers had expressed that MGP had facilitated in understanding the needs of the city and wished every city had one such vibrant NGO. This was contrary to what some officials had portrayed MGP to be a trouble-maker ! Even some political leaders when out of power had used MGP with their inputs to incorporate changes in Mysuru Masterplan.

MGP has always taken up innumerable causes to serve Mysureans without any fear or favour to help consumers resolve their problems. To list a few:

Developing a Smrithi Park around Laxmikantha Temple in Hebbal; developing a Coupon System to eliminate corruption in PDS kerosene; saving Cheluvamba Park when an office-cum-residential building was constructed, saving People's Park from total extinction, contributing to save Lakes in and around Mysuru like Kukkarahalli, Lingambudhi (a scholar has written a Ph.D thesis on the contribution of MGP to save the Lake), Karanji; filing a PIL against Vikrant Tyre company to control burning of high sulphur fuel oil; closing down a polluting company processing old lead batteries; convincing education departments to stop announcing SSLC and PUC rank holders and also to give access to answer papers; preventing the construction of ropeway project and canopy over the steps, plan to widen the road into four lanes in Chamundi Hill; preventing widening of NH-212 passing through the city and diverting it to the Ring Road.

However, in some areas its success has been only partial. Large scale building code violations (MGP has exposed several) are rampant, Comprehensive Development Plans continue to serve only the land mafia (MGP has worked with MUDA on most such plans), failure of 24X7 water supply and failure to improve revenue collections by Vani Vilas Water Works despite MGP's constant interaction with VVWW giving expert suggestions. Despite MGP's PIL in the High Court and several protests, vandalisation of iconic Chamundi Hill has taken place. Though timely PIL by MGP saved total extinction of People's Park, MCC succeeded in constructing the library violating the Parks Act.

Apart from the successes and failures, MGP has succeeded in creating a platform for retired professionals and groups to contribute their expertise. Some examples are: Late Prof. Ramalingam's contribution to highlight the water quality problems (helped the migrants in Ekalavyanagar with potable water when they were supplied with sewage water and two died), Maj. Gen. Sudhir G. Vombatkere's contribution to preserve heritage buildings of the city, Geologist V. Mahesh's involvement in highlighting the depleting water table in and around Mysuru, retired AGMARK scientist C.V. Nagaraj's demonstration of food adulteration (he has conducted more than three thousand), H.R. Bapu Satyanarayan's expertise in road construction helped MCC, PWD engineers to prevent several design blunders and Prof. Ravi Kumar's expertise in environment helped in preserving Lakes and solid waste handling.

MGP supported Mysuru Youth Forum to get involved in cleaning and greening Mysuru and also to attract youths to social sector. Soon after MGP started functioning, it sponsored an NGO, *Parisara* and got involved in massive tree plantation activities and also greening Chamundi Hill. In association with Mysuru's different NGOs like Wild Mysuru, Bird Watchers, Kukkarahalli Kere Ulisi Horata Samithi, MGP has brought out a coffee-table book, *Namma Kukkarahalli.* Rotary, Lions, Let's do it Mysore! are some more CSOs with which MGP has collaborated over the years.

Realising the need to improve governance and fight corruption, some members of MGP sponsored an NGO called Mysore Lok Swaraj Andolana (MLSA) in early 90s. It did a commendable job. Had it continued it could have been a precursor to Mysuru's own Aam Aadmi Party to attract honest candidates with professional background. Unfortunately, because of internal politics of MLSA members, there were two groups "fighting" against one another. They even went to the Court to decide who actually are the legitimate executive members. Finally, MLSA got wound up when some key members died. Story of MLSA clearly shows how difficult it is to build and sustain an organisation.

As MGP completed its silver jubilee and was marching towards digital age to involve young netizens, it faced an unexpected crisis. Like in MLSA, a group of few but committed members wanted to 'teach' a lesson to old-timers on running a registered society as per Society byelaws. In the election during 2019 to elect Executive Committee (EC) members for the first time in MGP's history, they succeeded in ousting the old but active members. Since then MGP's activism has more or less come to an unfortunate end. This was partly because of the pandemic. But the main reason was the fear of new EC that they may violate some byelaws. The fact that most EC members did not have much experience of working in social sector in general and consumer movement in particular has added to the problems. Dissenters did succeed, but at what cost?

In the absence of MGP, being inactive, Mysuru has lost a vibrant NGO platform to highlight several issues affecting Mysureans. Responsibility to strengthen and bring back MGP to its previous activist role lies with not only its members but with all the concerned Mysureans, specially the IT-savvy youth. Let me end this article by owning my own blunder. In all institution as they succeed, there is bound to be dissension because of ego clashes and petty jealousies. As a Founder-Member of MGP and also as a Management student, I should have anticipated this possibility. But I failed big time.

Not as a customary gesture, but with all the sincerity, I should thank and appreciate the support given by *SOM* in the long years of MGP in its service to Mysuru. But for *SOM* support, MGP would not be what it is today.

COVID on the Rise: Health team at Bavali

(Continued from page 1)

Sharing details of the meeting with *SOM,* a senior Health Officer said, Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri was asked to deploy a mobile health team at Bavali check-post, on Mysuru-Kerala border, to conduct random test of people travelling from Kerala. In case of asymptomatic cases, those persons must be subjected to RT-PCR test at nearby Taluk Health Centre. Besides, a Police team must be posted at the check-post to assist the health team.

District Health Department has been asked to keep an eye on nursing students, especially from Kerala, who are studying in various Nursing Colleges in city. Those students have been told to undergo RT-PCR test. Students, who have tested Corona positive, have been subjected to compulsory home quarantine.

Meanwhile, Health and Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar has not ruled out lockdown 2.0 in case citizens failed to strictly follow the COVID-19 guidelines. He said thousands of persons from Kerala and Maharashtra come to Karnataka and they can spread the contagion with local people. If people failed to adopt self-discipline, Government may have to gor for lockdown. District Administrations of Mysuru, Kodagu, Chamarajanagar and Dakshina Kannada have been strictly told to step up vigil on Kerala border and prevent entry of pandemic infested people into the State.

Congress should get Mayor post this time, says Siddharamaiah

Mysuru, Feb. 20 - Asserting that Congress should get the Mayor post this time as per an understanding reached between the Congress and JD(S) following MCC polls in 2018, Opposition Leader and former CM Siddharamaiah maintained that JD(S) should honour the agreement if alliance between the two parties were to continue.

Speaking to presspersons at his Ramakrishnanagar residence here this morning, Siddharamaiah said that with the date of Mayoral polls nearing, he has asked Congress Corporators to stay united till the very end and not fall prey to any allurements of BJP, which is keen on grabbing power in the civic body by hook or crook. Pointing out that Congress gave the Mysuru Mayor post to JD(S) last time, he said now it is the turn of JD(S) to honour the alliance agreement and give the post to Congress candidate.

WORD OF THE DAY

Sere

Pronunciation: SEER.
Meaning: Being dried and withered; archaic : threadbare.
Origin: Sere has not wandered very far from its origins—it derives from the Old English word sear, meaning "dry," which traces back to the same ancient root that gave Old High German, Greek, and Lithuanian words for drying out and withering. Several nouns sere also exist; one is an obscure nominal form of the adjective, but the others are etymologically unrelated to the adjective or to one another. The most common of the nouns is a 20th-century coinage from the Latin word series (meaning "series"), which refers to a series of ecological communities formed in ecological succession.
Example: "We had a beautiful day for our picnic. November dreamed that it was May. The air was soft and mellow, with pale, aerial mists in the valleys and over the leafless beeches on the western hill. The sere stubble fields brooded in glamour, and the sky was pearly blue." — L. M. Montgomery

THE ODD WORD

Saginate
To fatten animals.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Sealed with a loving kiss

Meaning: The full version of the acronym SWALK..... written and sent with love and care.
Origin: The acronym of this phrase, SWAK or SWALK, was commonly written on envelopes sent by servicemen to their lovers during the World War I & II. In medieval times, contracts were not considered legal until the signers included an X to represent Saint Andrew and would then kiss the X to prove his sincerity. It was a polite alternative to the risqué 'NORWICH' ([k]nickers off ready when I come home).
Example: When he was away for prolonged periods on work, he would frequently write letters to her and write SWAK at the back of the envelope, to signify that it was sealed with a kiss.

QUOTE BOX

When I won the Golden Gloves in 1960, that made me realise I had a chance. And when I won at the Olympics, that sealed it: I was the champ.

—Muhammad Ali

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: End on a high note.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Hebrew month
5 Thanks _ __! (1,3)
9 Step in ballet
12 Luxurious, plush or stately
13 Rush
14 Believer: suffix
15 A stringed instrument, not unlike a guitar
16 Totality
18 Contests or matches
20 Uncanny or unearthly
21 Level, true
22 Frequently
23 Charged particle
24 At a distance
27 Immerses in water
31 A piece of earth
32 Come to maturity
34 Tic ___ toe : children's game?
35 Comp. codes
37 Machete - "obol" change?
38 _ __ zed : alpha to omega (1,2)
39 Long playing records, in short
41 Tendon
43 City in Japan
46 Raced around a tree
47 Convince
50 Hindu god of fire
52 One as a prefix
53 Pieces of turf
54 A sea-fog - "Ahar" anagram ?
55 PCO facility
56 Comestibles
57 Shield or heraldic border

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

E	L	B	A	■	J	O	A	B	■	S	U	K
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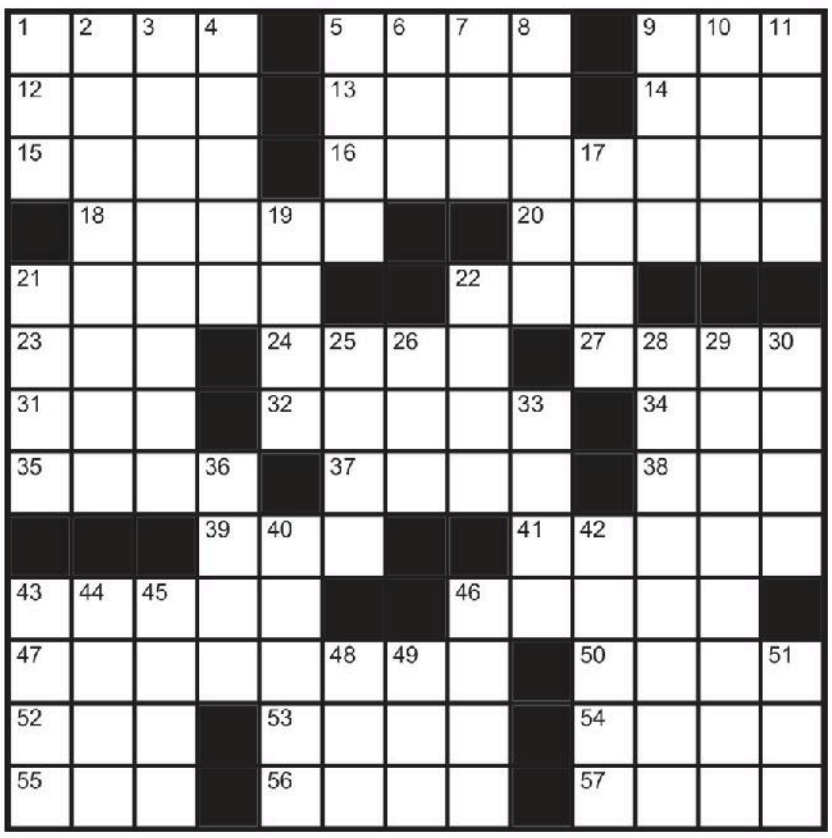
DOWN

1 A Programming Lang.
2 Old Spanish gold coin
3 Amazes, confounds or astonishes
4 Nasal discharge
5 Summer coolers
6 Local Area Network
7 Orig. sound track
8 One who steals
9 Gate pillar
10 An Italian wine
11 Eye complaint
17 "Retired" in short ?
19 Ski lift (1-3)
21 Leaning tower city?
22 City on the Oka - "lore" anagram?
25 Trivial lies
26 Acting Pilot Off.
28 Capital of Arunachal Pradesh
29 Of or from father's side of the family
30 Large barge
33 Facial feature
36 Kinds, types or sorts
40 Halt or stop for a brief moment
42 A state in N. W. United States of America
43 Musical work
44 ___ packing : dismissed cheaply?
45 Parched or dry
46 Tax
48 Angle-of-attack
49 Commonly used insecticide
51 Another word for 'anger'



SUDOKO

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		7	9					
		8	2			6	5	3
						9	3	1
2								5
8	5	3						
7	4	5			8	3		
					6	2		
				3	4	5		

Answer to previous puzzle

9	4	1	8	3	5	6	7	2
6	2	8	1	9	7	4	5	3
7	5	3	2	4	6	9	1	8
1	8	2	5	7	4	3	9	6
4	7	9	6	2	3	1	8	5
3	6	5	9	8	1	2	4	7
8	9	7	3	1	2	5	6	4
5	3	4	7	6	9	8	2	1
2	1	6	4	5	8	7	3	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

HMJMV WVT WU WMYY MJMVTWKCHL TUE SHUR.

CW GNT WNSM WUU PKUVW N WCGM.

TODAY'S CLUE: L EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Procrastination isn't the problem, it's the solution. So procrastinate now, don't put it off.

Women's World Heart Day 2021

Mysuru, Feb. 20- The Department of Cardiology, Cauvery Heart and Multispeciality Hospital, will be celebrating Women's World Heart Day 2021 at its premises today (Feb. 20) from 4 pm to 5 pm.

DCP (Traffic & Crime) M.S. Geetha Prasanna will be the chief guest. Salma Subhan Khan of MK Agrotech Private Limited (Manufactures of Sunpure Cooking Oil) will be the guest of honour. Hospital Chairman Dr. G.R. Chandrashekar and Managing Director Dr. Sarala Chandrashekar will be the special invitees.

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  Pogaru (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** **Mob: 9986022634**
  Pogaru (K) - 4 Shows
- **Uma Theatre** **Ph: 2520009**
  Chakra (Ta) - 4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS **Ph: 4240422, 4241800**

Pogaru (K)	(S-1)	8.05 am, 1.25 pm
		6.50 pm, 9.50 pm
	(S-2)	8.10 am, 3.40 pm
		6.45 pm, 9.45 pm
	(S-3)	8.05 am, 11.10 am,
		2.15 pm
	(S-4)	8.00 am, 11.00 am
		4.40 pm, 9.55 pm
Tom And Jerry (E)	(S-1)	11.15 am, 4.35 pm
	(S-4)	7.45 pm
Naandhi (Te)	(S-2)	11.15 am
Inspector Vikram (K)	(S-3)	6.55 pm, 9.55 pm
Chakra (Ta)	(S-4)	2.00 pm

INOX LIVE THE MOVIE **Ph: 2533444 / 2533456**

Pogaru (K)	(S-1)	11.00 am, 2.30 pm
		6.15 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-2)	10.00 am, 1.30 pm
		5.15 pm, 9.00 pm
	(S-3)	2.00 pm, 5.45 pm
		9.30 pm
Inspector Vikram (K)	(S-3)	10.15 am
	(S-4)	3.30 pm
Tom and Jerry (E)	(S-4)	10.45 am, 1.00 pm,
		7.10 pm
Chakra (Ta)	(S-4)	9.40 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS **Ph: 0821 - 2973519**

Mangalavara Rajaadina (K)	(S-1)	10.00 am
Inspector Vikram (K)	(S-1)	12.30 pm, 3.45 pm
Chakra (Ta)	(S-1)	6.55 pm, 9.30 pm
Pogaru (K)	(S-2)	11.15 am, 2.30 pm
		6.00 pm, 9.15 pm
	(S-3)	9.30 am, 12.35 pm
		3.40 pm, 6.45 pm
		9.50 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here. **The other multiplexes and single screen theatres are yet to open.**

EVENTS TODAY (FEB. 20)

- **Samridhi:** Lifestyle expo, The Quorum Hotel, Vinoba Road, **up to 8.30 pm.**
- **Sapthagiri Melodies and Shringar Melodies:** Rasamanjari - Music programme to commemorate 50 years of Dr. Rajkumar-starrer movie *'Kasturi Nivasa'*, Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **4 pm. [Entry free]**
- **Karnataka Lalit Kala Academi, Bengaluru:** Fellowship presentation ceremony and art expo, artists' interaction with Academi Chairman, **4 pm;** Former Kuvempu Bhasha Bharathi Chairman Dr. Pradhan Gurudatta chief guest, Kendra Lalit Kala Academi-New Delhi former Administrative Officer C.S. Krishna Shetty presents Fellowship, Karnataka Lalit Kala Academi Chairman D. Mahendra presides, **5 pm;** Play 'Sraddha mattu Stainless Steel Patregalu' based on Srinivas Vaidya and Vasudendra's short stories, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6 pm.**
- **Department of Cardiology, Cauvery Heart and Multispeciality Hospital:** Women's World Heart Day 2021, DCP (Traffic & Crime) M.S. Geetha Prasanna chief guest, Salma Subhan Khan of MK Agrotech Private Limited (Manufactures of Sunpure Cooking oil) guest of honour, Hospital Chairman Dr. G.R. Chandrashekar and Managing Director Dr. Sarala Chandrashekar special invitees, Conference Hall, Hospital premises, **4 pm to 5 pm.**
- **Haridasa Sangeetha Sahityotsava Samiti, Mysuru:** 'Madhwa-Purandara Namana,' music performance by Vidu. Deepika Pandurangi of Mysuru, Vid. Manu Vyasaraj of Bengaluru and Pt. Badarayanaacharya of Mysuru will analyse the literature, Srimaduttaradi Mutt, Agrahara: **4.30 pm to 8.30 pm.**
- **Trayinyas Srividya Foundation:** Sri Shyamala Navarathri Mahotsav, Sri Dasha Shyamala Homa, Trayinyas, #8, 7th Main, 3rd Block, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 pm.**
- **Gayana Sabha, Mysuru:** Karnatak Classical Music Concert by **Vid. Rao R. Sharath**, accompanied by Vid. Y.P. Vikram Bharadwaj on mridanga, Vidu. C.S. Shruthi on violin, and Vid. Srinidhi R. Kaundinya on ghata, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**
- **The Literary Criterion Centre, Dhvanyaloka, Mysuru:** Monthly Lectures Series, former Vice-Chancellor of Mysore University Prof. S.N. Hegde delivers lecture on 'How to salvage the existing Indian University Today,' Dhvanyaloka, Bogadi, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Vighneshwara Prasanna Bhakta Mandali and Kannada & Culture Department:** Sugama Sangeetha by Tandavachari of Sri Matrusri Kalavrinda, Gayatripuram, Mandali Secretary Channabasappa and Treasurer D. Maridevaiah chief guests, Mandali President B. Vidyasagar Kadamba presides, No. P3, near D. Basappaji Circle, Rajapatha Ganapati, Temple Road, Udayagiri 2nd Stage, **6 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Kododilla? Bidodilla!!!' by participants of 'Padma Shri R. Nagaratnamma Theatre Workshop for Women' (Original Story: Dario Fo; Kannada Translation: Krishna Hebbale; Direction: Apoorva Anagalli; Music: Anush A. Shetty and Munna), Sriranga auditorium, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Albert Kala Vrinda:** 32nd anniversary celebrations, staging of play 'Appa annadi maga kiladi,' Sri Ilai Alwar Swamiji graces the inaugural ceremony, Corporator M.V. Ramprasad inaugurates, social worker K. Raghuram Vajpayee presides, Tagaduru Ramachandra Rao Park, Chamundipuram, JLB Road, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB. 21)

- **Yoga Federation of Mysore (YFM):** '108 Mass Surya Namaskara' as part of Rathasapthami-2021, Mysore Palace premises, **6 am to 8 am.**
- **Trayinyas Srividya Foundation:** Sri Shyamala Navarathri Mahotsav, Srichakraarchana, Navavarana Puja, **8.30 am;** Sagrahamakha Chandi Yaga, **10 am;** Poornahuti, Baliharana, Kumari, Suvasini, Vatuka Puja, Dampathi Puja, Mahamangalarati, Ashtavadhana Seva, Prasada Viniyoga, Trayinyas, #8, 7th Main, 3rd Block, Jayalakshmipuram, **12.30 pm.**
- **Ganabharathi and Devageetham Charitable Trust:** Purandaradasa and Thyagaraja Aradhana, day-long cultural extravaganza including renditions of Dasara Pada, Goshti Gayana of Sri Tyagaraja's Pancharatna Kritis and Bharatanatyam, Vid. Sharath Rao-Vid. M.D. Arjun-Vid. P. Nataraj, **10 am;** Pt. Ramesh Kolkund- Pt. Ravi Dhage-Pt. Bheemashankar Bidanoor, **10.45 am;** Goshti Gayana of Pancharatna Kritis of Saint Tyagaraja, **11.30 am to 1 pm;** Vidu. Geetha Putty-Vid. Thandavamurthy-Vid. M.R. Manjunath, **2 pm;** Vidu. Geetha Upadhyaya-Vid. Deepak Nagannanavar-Vid. Parameshwar Hegde, **2.45 pm;** Vidu. Padmavathi Narasimhan-Vid. Thandavamurthy-Vid. G.T. Swamy, **3.30 pm;** Vidu. G. Rajalakshmi Sridhar-Vidu. C.V. Shruthi-Vid. G.T. Swamy, **4.15 pm to 5 pm;** Vidu. G. Pushpalatha-Vidu. C.V. Shruthi-Vid. M.R. Manjunath, **5.30 pm;** Vidu. Sandhya Bhat-Vid. Vighnesh Bhagawath-Vid. Parameshwar Hegde, **6.15 pm;** Vid. G.K. Manamohan-Vidu. C.V. Shruthi-Vid. P. Nataraj, **7 pm;** Bharatanatyam by Vidu. M.S. Archana, Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **7.45 pm to 8.30 pm.**
- **Rangayana and S.L. Bhyrappa Sahitya Pratishtana, Mysuru:** Day-long Seminar 'Parva - Virat Darshana' ('Parva' novel and theatre adaptation), **10 am;** Dr. Bhyrappa inaugurates, noted scholar 'Shatavadhani' Dr. R. Ganesh delivers talk on novel 'Parva,' **10.30 am to 1.15 pm;** Addanda Cariappa speaks about technical details of theatrical adaptation of the play, **2 pm to 2.30 pm;** Noted actor and director Prakash Belawadi talks about the idea of theatre adaptation of 'Parva,' **2.30 pm to 3 pm;** Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa addresses the gathering, Kalamandira, **3.15 pm to 4 pm.**
- **Spandana Samskritika Parishat, Manava Bandhutva Vedike, Samudaya Sabalikarana Samsthe and Apoorva Prakashana:** Book release and felicitation ceremony, former President of Karnataka Sahitya Akademi writer Dr. Aravind Malagatti releases the book 'Gandhiya Gadiparu' penned by Hadavanahalli Veerannagowda, former Speaker Krishna felicitates 'Corona Warrior' poet Anarkali Saleem of Srirangapatna, rooftop gardener Shantakumari of Tumakuru, theatre artiste T. Nataraju of Turuvekere and 'Corona Warrior' Ln. Vishwanath, KSOU Kannada Professor Dr. Kavita Rai presides, writer T. Satish Javaregowda speaks about the book, author Hadavanahalli Veerannagowda and others will be present, Maneyangala, Kalamandira premises, Hunsur Road, **10.30 am.**
- **Kannada & Culture Department:** Santa Sevalal Jayanti, Maneyangala, Kalamandira premises, **11 am.**
- **Haridasa Sangeetha Sahityotsava Samiti, Mysuru:** 'Madhwa-Purandara Namana,' performance by Vidu. Sharadhi Patil of Mysuru, Vid. Sriharsha of Mysuru and Pt. Bheemasenacharya of Athanur will analyse the literature, Srimaduttaradi Mutt, Agrahara, **4.30 pm to 8.30 pm.**
- **Natana School of Theatre Arts:** Ranga Namana to late R. Paramashivan, staging of play 'Subhadra Kalyana' in pure company drama style [Direction: Mandya Ramesh], School premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **5.30 pm.**
- **Mysore Mime Team:** Staging of play 'Ondu Chitrakathe,' [Writer: Parvatavani; Director: Vinay Ninasam; Music: Pallavi Anand (CAVA)], Mini Theatre, Kalamandira, **7 pm.** [Mob: 99864-02816]

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Tomorrow's Matches (Feb. 20)

FINALS

MEN'S DOUBLES

5 Rajeev Ram & Joe Salisbury
Vs
9 Filip Polášek & Ivan Dodig 9.30 am

MEN'S SINGLES

1 Novak Djokovic
Vs
4 Daniil Medvedev 2 pm

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Today's Match (Feb. 20)

JAMSHEDPUR
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Vasco da Gama, Goa, **7.30 pm**

Yesterday's Result

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